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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-6, 8, 10-12, 14-27	as originally filed
7, 9, 13	received on 21.02.2005 with letter of 17.02.2005

Claims, Numbers

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Drawings, Sheets

1/3-3/3	as originally filed
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
 4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 6 287 298 B

From D1 (see: fig. 3 and description col. 5, line 22 - col. 6, line 60; col. 10, lines 1 - 35) the technical features defined in the preamble of claim 1. In the device of D1 type I non critical phase matching is used.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefrom distinguished in that

- the non-linear crystal is able to generate a second harmonic of said fundamental wavelength by **critical** type I phase matching;
- the cavity is associated to thermostating means for temperature locking said cavity and its optical elements.

These distinguishing technical features solve the following problem: design of a simple and compact laser structure for the generation of high power visible laser beams with high spatial quality.

The above distinguishing technical features are neither known nor indicated by the available prior art in order to solve the problem posed. The **critical phase matching** of claim 1 allows room temperature to be chosen for all fundamental wavelengths whereas the non-critical phase matching of the device of D1 works at a temperature of the crystal which is different for each fundamental wavelength. There is no reason for the person skilled in the art to change the configuration of the device of D1 in a way to arrive at the subject-matter of claim 1. Although made from the same crystal lattice it is to be noted that the same non-critical phase matching crystal cannot be used for critical phase matching. It is further to be noted that the above distinguishing technical features can not be considered as an obvious measure well known to the person skilled in the art. Consequently, there is no reason to develop the subject-matter of claim 1 from the available prior art without exercise of inventive step.

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Claim 20 defines a method for generating a visible laser beam in an apparatus according to claim 1. Therefore, the subject-matter of claim 20 is also novel and involves an inventive step.

Claims 2 - 19 and 21, 22 are dependent claims which directly or indirectly refer back to claims 1 and 20 respectively. These claims are therefore novel and involve an inventive step.